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Employer Update

Guaranteed Fund Rate Increased to 6 percent

Members who invest in the Guaranteed Fund are now paid an annual return of 6 percent on money invested in this Annuity Savings Account option. The new rate was effective July 1, 2006. Previously, this option paid 5.75 percent. The increase reflects the strong performance of PERF's total assets under management over the past five years.

Preparing for Retirement

PERF's Retirement Services has initiated an aggressive outreach program to contact all members considering retirement in 2007. This will include mailings to members' homes as well as an ongoing series of pre-retirement workshops. Emphasis will remain on the Bridge to Retirement process that outlines the steps members should follow for a smooth retirement experience. Retirement applications should be submitted six months prior to an individual's expected date of retirement. For more information, including a Bridge to Retirement brochure, see: www.perf.in.gov

PERF Initiates Third Phase of Benefit Adjustment Project

PERF has begun notifying individuals who have received incorrect benefit payments based on errors in processing applications between 2002 and 2004. PERF initiated a three-phase project to fix the problem last year in response to State Board of Accounts audits that identified incorrectly calculated benefit payments dating to 2002. For more information, employers may call: 888-526-1687

PERF Interactive Enhancements to Benefit Employers

A new round of enhancements to PERF's interactive web site will deliver new features to employers while requiring new login procedures. Watch your email for more information on these enhancements.

PERF Board of Trustees Approves Revised Asset Allocation

A revised asset allocation approved by PERF's Board of Trustees is aimed at managing risk through diversification, maintaining the plan's soundness and, in the longer term, stabilizing or reducing employer contributions. [READ MORE](#)

Alternative class of investments returns 21 percent

PERF delivered an estimated annualized return of 21 percent in its alternative asset class for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. This asset class includes investments such as private equity, real estate, timber, oil and natural gas. [READ MORE](#)

PERF Registers Solid Gains in Customer Service and Investment Performance

A broad range of improvements, including significant gains in customer service and investment performance were achieved by PERF during the one year period ending June 30, 2006. A major improvement was accomplished in the area of processing retirements, with the average number of days from retirement date to first check dropping nearly three months to a June 2006 average of 67 days. [READ MORE](#)